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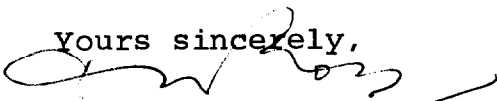
Dear Professor Lederberg:

Dr. W.E. Razzell has recently visited Edmonton in connection with a possible appointment as Head of the Department of Microbiology in this Faculty. He has given me your name as someone to whom I may write for an opinion of his capacity to fill this position satisfactorily.

Perhaps I can help you to compose your reply by providing some information about the department and our plans for its development. The accompanying notice about the appointment outlines the situation in the department. It is a new department with a small staff of five at present which should grow to ten or twelve within the next few years. The undergraduate program for students majoring in microbiology, and the graduate program, are expected to expand rapidly in the next few years. Our need is for an energetic Head of the department who will enhance its reputation by his own researches and by his capacity to provide leadership for the department as a whole. We would be most interested in knowing how well you think Dr. Razzell would fulfill these particular requirements of the position.

With many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,


D.M. Ross
Dean of Science

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